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In re Application of: WALKER, Dwight Sherod, et. al.
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TRACE MINERALS IN CRYOGENIC LIQUIDS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In the Abstract:

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In the Specification:

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. **PCT/US00/11418** filed **April 28, 2000**, which claims priority from **60/132,042** filed **April 30, 1999** in the United

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